

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES ▪ Monday, September 10, 2018**

<p><u>BHAB Officers Present</u> Jerry Harris, Chair Ratan Bhavnani, 1st Vice Chair Kay Wilson-Bolton, 2nd Vice Chair Nancy Borchard, Secretary Margaret Cortese, Member-At-Large Janis Gardner, Chair Emeritus</p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Cici Romero, Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel Mark Stadler, CIT Bob Wickham, NAMI</p>	<p><u>VCBH Staff Present</u> Sevet Johnson, Director Terri Yanez, Administrative Division Chief Edith Pham, BHAB Assistant</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 8, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Lake Cachuma Room (second floor), Oxnard</p>
<p>Note: The committee has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.</p>	

	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	RESPONSIBLE
I.	Call to Order Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.		
II.	Approval of the Agenda Mr. Harris asked the Committee to review and approve today's agenda. Margaret Cortese moved to approve, Janis Gardner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The agenda was approved as written. M/S/C	
III.	Approval of the Minutes Mr. Harris asked the committee to review and approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting. Ms. Gardner moved to approve, Mr. Bhavnani seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	The minutes were approved as written. M/S/C	
IV.	Welcome and Introductions Mr. Harris welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.		
V.	Chair Announcements Mr. Harris noted that he received a request from Kay Wilson-Bolton to consider re-establishing a support group for parents of Transitional Age Youth (TAY), as recommended by the BHAB TAY Committee. He agreed to add this to the upcoming General Meeting agenda.		
VI.	Public Comments Bob Wickham noted that NAMI is distributing the Community Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey and will use a regular group meeting to get the surveys completed. Also, Mr. Wickham will attend a NAMI advocacy conference in Sacramento later on this month, and about 50 NAMI members are in search of a team captain for the upcoming NAMI Walk.		
VII.	Board Members Comments and Announcements Gane Brooking noted that the building in Ventura that will house a year-round shelter needs extensive renovation and will not open before April 2019 at the earliest. Plans are being developed for a foul weather shelter. Mr. Bhavnani noted that he has been involved with Life Passages Planning. Its goal is to help plan for the care of people with disabilities after their family members have passed. This is an ongoing effort on a statewide initiative to build a cadre of support workers for clients.		

VIII.	<p>Director's Updates</p> <p>A. This day is World Suicide Prevention Day. On September 19 VCBH will hold a Suicide prevention conference at Oxnard College; the keynote speaker is Chris Hayes, retired NFL player, Super Bowl Champion and motivational speaker. Spanish translation will be available at the conference.</p> <p>B. The Community Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey is being conducted through the end of the month. The form can be completed on paper or online and is available in English, Spanish, Mandarin and Tagalog.</p> <p>C. On September 19 Dr. Johnson and a few others will attend the meeting of the Santa Paula City Council and will present on the services to the Latino population in that region. It will be an opportunity for VCBH to get the word out on its pilot project called Open Access plan; it is currently in place at the Santa Paula Adult and Youth & Family clinics, and it reduces barriers to service access by providing screenings to walk-ins rather than scheduling an appointment for a later date.</p>		
IX.	<p>Secretary's Report – Kay Wilson-Bolton</p> <p>Ms. Wilson-Bolton has reached out to one member who is not attending the committee meetings. A discussion took place regarding the requirement that members participate on one committee. Ms. Yanez agreed to remind the County Executive Office (CEO) and the Clerk of the Board of this requirement. Mr. Harris noted his willingness to contact Supervisor Foy regarding his upcoming vacancy following Cmdr. Nelson's retirement. Mr. Harris proposed distributing the attendance log at the General Meetings.</p>	Contact CEO's office	T. Yanez
X.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Evaluate August 20 General Meeting Dr. Johnson suggested asking presenters to share handouts or a brief PowerPoint presentation to help understand the information that they present. All agreed.</p> <p>B. Annual Report Preparation Update Mr. Harris asked that members review the draft Introduction and Summary to the Annual Report and share their feed-back at the October General Meeting.</p> <p>C. Fiscal Year Site Visits – Need to Develop a Corrective Action Plan Mr. Harris noted that the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Objectives included the board doing six site visits during the year; however, only one site visit was actually conducted. The board will need to focus on improving in this area since the visits are an important part of the board's responsibility to assess programs in the community. Mr. Bhavnani noted that the Site Visit Report to the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit will include a recommendation to visit Screening, Triage, Assessment and Referral (STAR).</p> <p>D. Development of Action Plans Mr. Harris will ask that committees develop action plans for the fiscal year's objectives they are responsible for.</p> <p>E. Progress on the Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) A discussion took place on this issue. Dr. Johnson agreed to request an update from Sheri Block. With respect to Inpatient Unit's plan to increase beds in the unit by 12, Ms. Yanez noted that the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU) license is for 42 beds and does not believe State Licensing staff will be involved in a site visit since the 12 beds are on a hold basis.</p>	Request an update on the CSU	S Johnson

<p>XI. Old Business</p>	<p>A. Proposed New Process for the Ongoing Review of Contracts Mr. Harris distributed a document titled "Recommended Approach for the Review of VCBH Contracts." The intent of the proposed new process for reviewing contracts is for BHAB members to ask questions after the Board of Supervisors has approved those contracts. BHAB members will be assigned to attend quarterly contract review meetings and report back to the full board. Terri Yanez recommended to review contracts that the Board of Supervisors approved the previous month; she also noted that there is usually no contract review meetings in the first quarter of a fiscal year. Ms. Cortese requested a list of current contracts. Mr. Harris indicated that the full list is included in the Annual Report. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Yanez agreed that the BHAB could move forward with the planned approach.</p> <p>B. Future Presentations Requests were made for a presentation by Alcohol & Drug Programs (ADP) Chief Dr. Loretta Denering regarding Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) in February 2019, and a presentation by Judge Matthew Guasco, the new judge overseeing Assist, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program. Mr. Bhavnani proposed resurrecting the Laura's Law Workgroup to get an update on Assist. It was also requested to invite Judge Ryan Wright to present on mental illness and the criminal justice system; he had postponed his planned presentation following the implementation of Assembly Bill 1810.</p> <p>C. Future Recognitions In October the BHAB will recognize 25 Camarillo Police Department officers who have been responding to calls for service at Hillmont House.</p>	<p>The agreed-upon review process will be placed on the agenda of the next General Board Meeting</p>	
<p>XII.</p>	<p>Develop Agenda for the General Meeting – Discussion Mr. Harris noted that, per Ms. Wilson-Bolton's request, an item to consider re-establishing a support group for parents of Transitional Age Youth (TAY) will be added to the agenda.</p>		
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Public Comments Mark Stadler noted that a 64-bed Health and Programming unit inside the Todd Road Jail is being planned for inmates with medical and/or mental health special needs. This is viewed as a positive step by law enforcement.</p>		
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.</p>		

Behavioral Health Advisory Board EXECUTIVE Meeting Attendance 2018-2019

Members 2018-19	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Jerry Harris Chair	X	X	X									
Ratan Bhavnani 1 st Vice Chair	X	X	X									
Gane Brooking 2 nd Vice Chair	X	X	X									
Kay Wilson-Bolton Secretary		X	X									
Margaret Cortese Member At Large	X	X	X									
Janis Gardner Member Emeritus	X	X	X									

Present = X

District 1 Supervisor Bennett

District 2 Supervisor Parks

District 3 Supervisor Long

District 4 Supervisor Foy

District 5 Supervisor Zaragoza

CONSEJO ASESOR DE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
COMITÉ EJECUTIVO
ACTAS ▪ Lunes 10 de septiembre de 2018

<p>Funcionarios de BHAB presentes Jerry Harris, Presidente Ratan Bhavnani, 1er Vicepresidente Kay Wilson-Bolton, 2º Vicepresidente Nancy Borchard, Secretaria Margaret Cortese, Miembro general Janis Gardner, Presidente Emérito</p> <p>Otros presentes Cici Romero, Pacific Clinics TAY Tunnel Mark Stadler, CIT Bob Wickham, NAMI</p>	<p>VCBH - Personal presente Sevet Johnson, Director Terri Yanez, Jefa de la División Administrativa Edith Pham, Asistente BHAB</p> <p>PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN: Lunes 8 de octubre de 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ventura County Behavioral Health 1911 Williams Drive, Lake Cachuma Room (segundo piso), Oxnard</p>
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Nota: El Consejo Asesor de Behavioral Health aún no ha aprobado estas actas. Puede haber adiciones/supresiones o correcciones antes de que se acepten en forma definitiva.

	DISCUSIÓN /CONCLUSIONES	RECOMENDACIONES/ ACCIONES	RESPONSABLE
I.	Se convoca la reunión El Presidente Harris convocó la reunión a la 1:05 p.m.		
II.	Aprobación del Orden del Día El Sr. Harris pidió al Consejo que revisara y aprobara el orden del día de hoy. Margaret Cortese hizo la petición para su aprobación, secundada por Janis Gardner. La petición fue aprobada por unanimidad.	Se aprobó el orden del día sin modificaciones. M/S/C	
III.	Aprobación de las Actas El Sr. Harris pidió al Consejo revisar y aprobar las actas de la reunión del 13 de agosto de 2018. La Sra. Gardner hizo la petición para su aprobación, secundada por el Sr. Bhavnani. La petición fue aprobada por unanimidad.	Se aprobaron las actas sin modificaciones. M/S/C	
IV.	Bienvenida y presentaciones El Sr. Harris dio la bienvenida a todos y pidió que se presentaran.		
V.	Anuncios del Presidente El Sr. Harris indicó que recibió una solicitud de Kay Wilson-Bolton para considerar el restablecimiento de un grupo de apoyo para los padres de Jóvenes en Edad de Transición (TAY), según lo recomendado por el Comité de BHAB TAY. Aceptó añadir este asunto al programa de la próxima Junta General.		
VI.	Comentarios públicos Bob Wickham señaló que NAMI está distribuyendo la Encuesta de Evaluación de Necesidades para la Salud Mental de la Comunidad y usará una junta ordinaria del grupo para obtener las encuestas completadas. Además, el Sr. Wickham asistirá a una Conferencia de Difusión de NAMI en Sacramento más adelante este mes, y cerca de 50 miembros de NAMI están en busca de un capitán de equipo para la próxima Caminata de NAMI.		
VII.	Comentarios y anuncios de los miembros de la Junta Gane Brooker señaló que el edificio en el que Ventura albergará un refugio durante todo el año necesita mucho trabajo de restauración y no se abrirá antes de por lo menos abril de 2019. Se están desarrollando planes para un refugio en caso de tiempo inclemente. El Sr. Bhavnani señaló que ha estado involucrado en la planificación de Life Passages. Su objetivo es ayudar a planificar el cuidado de las personas con discapacidades después de que los miembros de su familia hayan fallecido. Este es un esfuerzo continuo en una iniciativa estatal para desarrollar un grupo de profesionales de apoyo para los clientes.		

VIII.	<p>Actualizaciones del Director</p> <p>A. Este día es el Día Mundial de la Prevención del Suicidio. El 19 de septiembre VCBH celebrará una conferencia de Prevención del Suicidio en Oxnard College; la conferencia magistral la impartirá Chris Hayes, jugador retirado de la NFL, Campeón del Super Bowl y orador motivacional. Contaremos con traducción al español en la Conferencia.</p> <p>B. La Encuesta de Evaluación de Necesidades de Salud Mental de la Comunidad se está llevando a cabo hasta finales de mes. El formulario puede ser completado en papel o en línea y está disponible en inglés, español, mandarín y Tagalo.</p> <p>C. El 19 de septiembre, el Dr. Johnson y algunas otras personas asistirán a la reunión del Concejo Municipal de Santa Paula y harán una presentación sobre los servicios a la población latina en esa región. Será una oportunidad para que VCBH difunda la información sobre su proyecto piloto llamado plan de Acceso Abierto; actualmente se lleva a cabo en la clínica para Adultos y en la clínica para Jóvenes y Familias de Santa Paula, y reduce las barreras al acceso al servicio proporcionando evaluaciones a los que se presentan sin cita en lugar de programar una cita para una fecha posterior.</p>		
IX.	<p>Informe de la Secretaria – Kay Wilson-Bolton</p> <p>La Sra. Wilson-Bolton se ha comunicado con un miembro que no está asistiendo a las reuniones del Comité. Se habló respecto al requisito de que los miembros participen en un comité. La Sra. Yáñez acordó recordarle a la Oficina Ejecutiva del Condado (CEO) y al Secretario de la Junta de este requisito. El Sr. Harris notó su disposición para comunicarse con el Supervisor Foy sobre su próxima vacante después del retiro del Comandante Nelson. El Sr. Harris propuso distribuir el registro de asistencia en las Reuniones Generales</p>	Comunicarse a la Oficina Ejecutiva del Condado (CEO)	T. Yanez
X.	<p>A. Nuevas Actividades</p> <p>Evaluar la Junta General del 20 de agosto El Dr. Johnson sugirió pedir a los presentadores que compartan folletos o una breve presentación de PowerPoint para ayudar a entender la información que presentan. Todos estuvieron de acuerdo.</p> <p>B. Actualización de la Preparación del Informe Anual El Sr. Harris pidió a los miembros que revisaran el borrador de la Introducción y Resumen del Informe Anual y compartieran sus comentarios en la Reunión General de octubre.</p> <p>C. Visitas a los lugares durante el Año Fiscal – Necesidad de Desarrollar un Plan de Acción Correctiva El Sr. Harris observó que los Objetivos del Año Fiscal 2017-18 incluían que la junta realizara seis visitas a determinados lugares durante el año; sin embargo, de hecho, solamente se llevó a cabo una visita. La Junta tendrá que centrarse en mejorar en esta área, ya que las visitas son una parte importante de la responsabilidad de la Junta de evaluar los programas en la comunidad. El Sr. Bhavnani observó que el informe de la Visita a la Unidad Psiquiátrica para Pacientes internos incluirá una recomendación para visitar Evaluación, Triage y Remisión (STAR).</p> <p>D. Desarrollo de planes de acción El Sr. Harris pedirá que los comités desarrollen planes de acción para los objetivos del año fiscal de los que son responsables.</p> <p>E. Progreso sobre la Unidad de Estabilización en caso de Crisis en Adultos (CSU) Se llevó a cabo una discusión sobre esta cuestión. El Dr. Johnson aceptó solicitar una actualización a Sheri Block. Con respecto al plan de la Unidad de Pacientes Hospitalizados para aumentar 12 camas en la unidad, la Sra. Yáñez indicó que la licencia de la Unidad Psiquiátrica de Pacientes Hospitalizados (UIP) es para 42 camas</p>	Solicitar una actualización del CSU	S Johnson

	y no cree que el personal de licencias del Estado estará involucrado en una visita al sitio local ya que las 12 camas están en espera.		
XI.	<p>Asuntos Anteriores</p> <p>A. Propuesta de Nuevo Proceso para la Revisión Continua de los Contratos. El Sr. Harris distribuyó un documento titulado "Enfoque recomendado para la Revisión de los Contratos de VCBH". La intención del nuevo proceso propuesto para revisar los contratos es que los miembros de BHAB hagan preguntas después de que la Junta de Supervisores haya aprobado esos contratos. Los miembros de BHAB serán asignados para asistir a reuniones trimestrales de revisión de contratos e informar al Pleno de la Junta. Terri Yáñez recomendó revisar los contratos que la Junta de Supervisores aprobó el mes anterior; también observó que por lo general no hay reuniones de revisión de contratos en el primer trimestre de un año fiscal. La Sra. Cortese solicitó una lista de contratos actuales. El Sr. Harris indicó que la lista completa está incluida en el Informe Anual. El Dr. Johnson y la Sra. Yáñez estuvieron de acuerdo en que BHAB podría proseguir con el enfoque planeado.</p> <p>B. Presentaciones futuras Se solicitó que hiciera una presentación la Jefa de Programas de Alcohol & Medicamentos (ADP), Dra. Loretta Denering, sobre el del Sistema de Entrega Organizada de Medicamentos de Medi-Cal (DMC-ODS) en febrero de 2019, y una presentación del juez Matthew Guasco, el nuevo juez que supervisa Assist, el Programa de Tratamiento Ambulatorio Asistido (AOT). El Sr. Bhavnani propuso resucitar el Grupo de Trabajo de la Ley Laura para obtener una actualización de ASSIST. También se le pidió que invitara al juez Ryan Wright para que haga una presentación sobre las enfermedades mentales y el sistema de justicia penal; él había pospuesto su presentación prevista para después de la implementación del Proyecto de Ley de la Asamblea 1810.</p> <p>C. Reconocimientos futuros</p> <p>D. En octubre, el BHAB dará un reconocimiento a 25 oficiales del Departamento de Policía de Camarillo que han estado respondiendo a las llamadas de servicio en Hillmont House.</p>	El proceso de revisión acordado se anotará en el orden del día de la próxima Reunión de la Junta General	
XII.	<p>Elaborar el programa de la reunión general – Discusión</p> <p>El Sr. Harris señaló que, según la petición de la Sra. Wilson-Bolton, se añadirá al orden del día un tema para considerar el restablecimiento de un grupo de apoyo para los padres de Jóvenes en Edad de Transición (TAY).</p>		
XI.	<p>Comentarios públicos</p> <p>Mark Stadler señaló que se está planeando una Unidad de Salud y Programación de 64 camas dentro de la cárcel de Todd Road para reclusos con necesidades especiales médicas y/o de salud mental. Las autoridades policiales consideran que este es un paso positivo.</p>		
	<p>Se levanta la sesión</p> <p>La reunión concluyó a las 2:45 p.m.</p>		

Asistencia a la Reunión Ejecutiva del Consejo Asesor de Behavioral Health 2018-2019

Miembros 2018-19	Julio	Ago	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dic	Ene	Feb	Mar	Abr	May	Jun
Jerry Harris Presidente	X	X	X									
Ratan Bhavnani 1er Vicepresidente	X	X	X									
Gane Brooking 2º Vicepresidente	X	X	X									
Kay Wilson-Bolton Secretaria		X	X									
Margaret Cortese Miembro general	X	X	X									
Janis Gardner Miembro emérito	X	X	X									

Presente = X

Distrito 1 Supervisor Bennett

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From: karyn bates <tapdancer805@yahoo.com>
Subject: SB 906 --- PEER CERTIFICATION
Date: September 6, 2018 at 12:30:07 AM PDT
To: <advocacy@namica.org>
Reply-To: karyn bates <tapdancer805@yahoo.com>

HELLO!!!...to CA Governor Master Jerry Brown....

I am a Peer Support Specialist from Ventura County CA....trained and certified by Recovery Innovations, Inc. --- head-quartered in Phoenix AZ. Currently i am not employed but am in touch with 12 behavioral health clients who are establishing positive forward movement in their lives and helping me to remember how important even one trusted connection can be to inspire and encourage individuals who have been in the throes of rejection or abandonment by themselves and/or others!!!...in behavioral health disorder issues barriers are crossed through a HUMAN CONNECTION with the neuro-biologically wounded individual --- someone who believes in: Hope --- personal responsibility --- cultural sensitivity --- searching out resources --- pointing out options --- setting boundaries --- spending time together on a regular basis --- focusing on nutrition --- encouraging participation in the community --- and above all --- ENCOURAGEMENT --- shining light upon the wounded individual's strengths and talents such that he may realize his dreams and loftiest ideals!!!

That human connection can best be embraced by our behavioral health clients IF the support person is a client him/herself!!!...Someone who has been deeply wounded and/or committed to hospitals/jails...the streets....someone who is willing to admit their struggles and share their experiences including the lessons learned!!!...healing occurs somewhere between the caring and the sharing!!!

Peer Support is not a new concept!!!...We all have had "mentors" who have gone before us and have taken time to show us the way!!!...what is new is that these support champions may be recognized and employed as a bona fide segment (perhaps the "hub") of our behavioral health care treatment!!!...Let's place Peer Support on the map and employ an army of Certified Peer Support Specialists who are dedicated to healing and are willing to follow-through and follow-up with individuals for the long-run!!!...We will witness countless numbers of our behavioral health clients finding their way!!!...Realizing their potential!!!...And fulfilling their dreams!!!...Peer and Family Support Specialists are the "Hands-Across-The-Bridge" to stability ---community participation and enhanced lives!!!

....sending all my love always and best wishes for POSITIVE FORWARD MOTION!!!...me, karyn bates.

P.S....The cost of certification and employment of Peer and Family Support Specialists is a "drop-in-the-bucket" compared to the billions of dollars we are spending on hospital and jail stays --- police and court costs --- missed appointments and lost prescriptions --- AND --- emergency services for individuals who are NOT connected to anyone or anything positive. Peer and Family Support Specialists are needed now at hospital emergency rooms --- homeless shelters --- and as vital components of all outreach teams to begin the slow-but-sure climb to stability for those who are isolated and most difficult to engage!!!

COUNTY OF VENTURA – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD ACTION PLAN

OBJECTIVE TITLE:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE:

KEY INDICATORS:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

TARGET COMPLETION DATE:

	ACTION STEPS	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	ACCOUNTABILITY	ACTION STEP ON TARGET		STATUS
					TARGET	DELAYED*	
1.							
2.							
3.							

* Explain project delays in status column, revise target dates as required, and state actions required to overcome/remove obstacle(s).

VENTURA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Recommended Approach for the Review of VCBH Contracts

For discussion at the BHAB Executive Meeting on 9/10/18

The proposed review process contains the following elements:

- Following the approval of contracts by the Board of Supervisors, the names of the contracts along with program descriptions, fiscal information and workload data for each contract will be placed on the monthly General Board Meeting agendas. BHAB members will be provided an opportunity to ask questions about each contract at that time.
- When conducting site visits, BHAB members participating in the site visits will be provided with copies of the contract attachments describing the contractor's deliverables.
- BHAB members will be assigned to attend VCBH Quarterly Contract Review Meetings and report back to the full board on what they learned at these meetings.
- Should BHAB members have specific questions/concerns about a contract, they can voice their concerns at either BHAB meetings or address them to the VCBH Director or her designee and request a response to their questions/concerns from the Department.

It is believed that by using the above contract review process, the BHAB will be able to meet its responsibility to review Behavioral Health contracts as contained in the Welfare and Institutions Code.